

## Bye-Law Amendment Proposal

The Students' Union Constitution allows Student Council to amend bye-laws. The Constitution specifically states:

78. The Trustees and the Student Council shall have the power from time to time to jointly make, repeal or amend Bye-laws as to the management of the union and its working practices provided that such Bye-laws shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution.

97.3 make, repeal and amend the Bye-laws jointly with the Trustees in accordance with Clause 78;

Submission of this document (Student Council Bye-Law Amendment Proposal) to Student Council is a request for a change to the bye-laws.

### INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please ensure the following details are completed before submission

<b>Title of Bye-Law Amendment</b>	Campaign Networks
<b>Name of Master Bye-Law to be amended</b>	Council Committees
<b>First Proposer</b>	Nathan McGaughey
<b>Signature</b>	<i>N. McGaughey</i>
<b>Date</b>	05/11/2020
<b>Second Proposer</b>	Beth Garrett
<b>Signature</b>	B. Garrett
<b>Date</b>	05/11/2020
<b>Date of Submission to Chair</b>	05/11/2020

### BYE LAW AMENDMENT DETAILS

#### 1. This Council Notes

*State the facts surrounding the proposal*

There are quite often liberation officer roles that are not filled.

A liberation officer is only one representative from a large and diverse group of students.

Many students who would be part of a liberation group do not have a space to meet.

#### 2. This Council Believes

*State the reason for amendment*

The Students' Union should have space for students who wish to be part of a liberation group.

Students should have a format to raise points with their representative officer.

Students should have a space to meet, socialise and organise with other students within their liberation groups.

### 3. This Council Resolves

*That the following bye-law amendments are made (please ensure full bye-laws are copied, and that HIGHLIGHTS are made for the amendments):*

## 5. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### 5.6. Northampton SU Campaigns Network

- 5.6.1. The Students' Union will run the following Campaigns Network meetings as part of the Students' Union's Campaigns Network
  - 5.6.1.1. BME Students' Network
  - 5.6.1.2. Disabled Students' Network
  - 5.6.1.3. International Students' Network
  - 5.6.1.4. LGBT+ Students' Network
  - 5.6.1.5. Mature Students' Network
  - 5.6.1.6. Women's Network
- 5.6.2. The main purpose of the networks will be:
  - 5.6.2.1. To allow the Students' Union to talk to and understand students from a given liberation group or section of the student body
  - 5.6.2.2. For students who identify in any of the Campaign Network areas to give their feedback on the work of the Union
  - 5.6.2.3. For students who identify in any of the Campaign Network areas to give their feedback on their experience at the University
  - 5.6.2.4. For students who identify in any of the Campaign Network areas to give their feedback on their experience in Northampton
  - 5.6.2.5. To allow the elected officer the opportunity to update students on their work and to use the forum to understand future priorities for the post-holder.
- 5.6.3. Meetings are expected to be flexible to maximise attendance and engagement with discussion, however the following rules apply to all meetings:
  - 5.6.3.1. The Network will be chaired by the relevant elected part-time officer. In the event that a part-time officer hasn't been elected a full-time officer will be expected to fulfil the role of the chair if they identify with/apply to the relevant group. If the officer isn't suitable then an external facilitator can be proposed. Anybody chairing or facilitating the Network that isn't the part-time officer must be approved by the Network at the start of proceedings.
  - 5.6.3.2. There should be a minimum of five Network meetings per area each year. Two should be held in term 1 (September to December), two should be held in term 2 (January to March) and one should be held in term 3 (April-June).
- 5.6.4. It is the responsibility of the part-time officer to update Executive Committee on the main topics discussed at their forums, and to include a summary of discussion in their Student Council report.
- 5.6.5. Should the forum require additional funding, the part time officer should apply for this via Executive Committee.